

The Awareness Project seeks to inform Lummi tribal members about the port development proposed by Pacific International Terminals, Inc. (PIT) near the Lummi Reservation's northern border.

- The Lummi Nation has decided to not support or oppose the proposed development.
- We will work with other governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations to make an informed decision once a federal environmental impact study is completed.

# **CURRENT SUPPORT**

The proposed port development at Cherry Point has drawn strong support from members of the labor community and some elected officials. Backers point to the development of new jobs and increased revenues region wide as the key reasons to support. Specific details on the potential impacts of the proposed project and associated mitigation measures will be clearer once the required federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and state equivalent are completed in the coming years.

Last month we reported on why groups oppose this development, and this month we report on reasons other groups support it. These are not the views of the Lummi Nation, which has decided to not support or oppose the proposed project until the environmental impact studies are completed.

### **ACTIVE SUPPORTERS OF THE PROPOSAL INCLUDE:**

American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce and Industry City of Ferndale

International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Puget Sound District Council Northwest Washington Central Labor Council

Puget Sound Pilots

SSA Marine

State Senator Doug Ericksen (R-Ferndale)

State Representative Vincent Buys (R-Lynden)

State Representative Jason Overstreet (R-Blaine)

U.S. Representative Rick Larsen (D-Wash., 2nd) Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council

### WHY PEOPLE SUPPORT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT





# Trains cause less emissions

The Northwest Washington Central Labor Council says that locomotives are a better option for moving goods as they are among the smallest contributors of air particulate emissions.

In the Puget Sound region locomotives only contribuited .04% of fine particle emissions.

SOURCE: NORTHWEST WASHINGTON CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL







CONTRIBUTIONS TO FINE PARTICLE EMISSIONS IN THE PUGET SOUND REGION







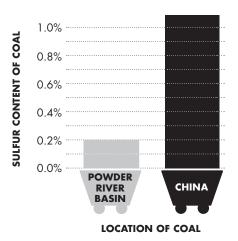
The Northwest Washington Central Labor Council and the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce and Industry say that moving forward with the proposed development would encourage China to obtain cleaner coal found in the United States, which has less mercury, sulfur and nitrogen than lower grades of coal mined in China.

The average sulfur content of coal mined



from Peabody Energy's main source in Powder River Basin, **North Antelope Rochelle** Mine, is 5 times less than

the average sulfur content found in coal mined from China.



SOURCES: PEABODY ENERGY AND THE WORLD BANK

### The Gateway Pacific Terminal will offer jobs

The Washington State Labor Council, Puget Sound Pilots Association and others say that preliminary economic projections point to a wealth of job opportunities related to the project. Development of the Gateway Pacific Terminal might result in as many as 4,000 jobs during the construction phase and over 1,000 jobs permanently.

**DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE** 

SOURCE: FINANCE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS, INC.



## Jobs offered will have generous salaries

According to SSA Marine, if the project is developed, the permanent jobs directly tied to the terminal are projected to pay an average annual salary of \$94,900.

AVERAGE INCOME IN WHATCOM COUNTY FOR 2009

AVERAGE ANNUAL SALARY AT GPT

The average annual salary at GPT would be almost four times as much as the average annual income in Whatcom County.

SOURCE: SSA MARINE AND U.S. CENSUS BUREAU



# **Operations would produce** tax revenue that Whatcom county needs

SSA Marine projects that the Gateway Pacific Terminal will produce \$11.2 million in annual revenue



**Whatcom County budgeted** \$21.4 million for their road fund in 2010. The projected annual tax revenue from the project would cover more than half of that.



SOURCE: WHATCOM COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The new Awareness Project website is under construction, but please keep an eye out for it on www.lummi-nsn.gov.

In next month's edition of the Squol Quol, the Awareness Project will focus on: the scoping process behind the upcoming Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) development and how you can get involved.























